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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.51, 1.56 and 1.97-1.99, Applicant identifies the art set forth on PTO Form 1449A/PTO as references in connection with this case.

Meeko, U.S. Patent 4,487,412, is disclosed on Page 3, Line 19.

Alread, U.S. Patent 5,004,231, is disclosed on Page 4, Line 3.

DaSilva, U.S. Patent 5,350,343, is disclosed on Page 4, Line 7.

Parker, U.S. Patent 5,813,950, is disclosed on Page 4, Line 9.

Lothar, U.S. Patent 4,807,876, is disclosed on Page 3, Line 20.

Desmond et al., U.S. Patent 4,684,122, is disclosed on Page 3, Line 22.

Mascia, U.S. Patent 5,081,715, is disclosed on Page 4, Line 13.

None of the references cited herein teach or suggest Applicant's claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a proper form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested at an early date.

Applicant or his patent attorney may have been exposed to or considered art relating to the general class of the subject invention. However, if in fact such exposure or consideration has occurred, to the best of their recollection and judgment, none of such art is prior art which is believed to be material to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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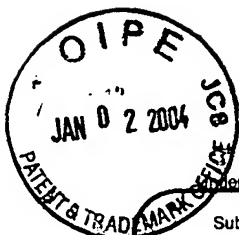


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